

April 1, 1988

Certified No. PO4 9037217

Mr. Steve J. Helms
250 S. Monte Vista
Springfield, MO 65802

Dear Mr. Helms:

On Thursday, March 31, 1988, this office received a complaint that there was a reddish material in the storm water retention basin at Cairo and Monte Vista. Personnel from the City's Water Pollution Control Section investigated the complaint and observed what appeared to be transmission fluid floating on top of the water in the basin. They checked the storm ditches that drain into the basin, but they were clear. The inspectors then observed what appears to be a pipe in your back yard that drains into the storm basin. There was a white substance and a black oily substance in the grass around the opening of the pipe.

Please be advised that a discharge or improper disposal of oil and transmission fluid is a violation of City Health Ordinances and Federal, State and local water pollution laws. It is specifically a violation of Chapter 30 "Wastewater Regulations", Section 30-12 (b) of the Springfield City Code which states:

It shall be unlawful to discharge into Waters of the State within the City or in any area where there is an availability of sewers in any jurisdiction with which the City has an interjurisdictional sewage treatment agreement, any wastewater or pollutant, except where suitable treatment has been provided and approved by the Director and the State of Missouri.

These laws contain severe penalties for the discharge of oil or petroleum products into a natural water course. This office maintains periodic surveillance throughout the corporate limits of the city, and will watch this area closely.

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If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call at 864-1924.

Yours truly,

Karen Chandler
Water Pollution Control Inspector II
Surveillance and Enforcement

KC:js

ccs: Mr. Robert R. Schaefer, P.E., Superintendent of Sanitary Services
Mr. Henry Cole, P.E., Sanitary Engineer
Mr. J. R. Lyman, Sewer Surveillance and Billing Supervisor
Mr. Harold Bengsch, Health Department
File

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